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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, a minor informality has been corrected in the last paragraph in the independent claim 23. Specifically, the phrase "information is transferred from second region to the volatile memory circuit" has been amended to read "information is transferred from the second region to the volatile memory circuit." It is noted that antecedent basis for "the second region" is established in claim 23 on line 6.

Inasmuch as the present Amendment is solely for purposes of correcting a minor grammatical error, and for purposes of clarifying antecedent basis, entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested. With regard to this, it is noted that this amendment does not broaden the claim language, and should not require either further search or substantial further consideration on the part of the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of

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this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 501.35917CC5), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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